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### **Bower Receives WMCA 2016 President's Award of Distinction**

Clallam Transit System Executive Office Manager and Clerk to the Board Mary E. Bower, CMC, was honored for her public service during the transit Board's recent March meeting in Sequim.

During that meeting Deputy Clerk Bobbie Usselman with the City of Sequim presented Bower with the Washington Municipal Clerks Association (WMCA) 2016 President's Award of Distinction. Usselman had co-accepted this award for Bower, along with Kitsap Transit Clerk to the Board Jill Boltz, during the WMCA Annual Conference in Spokane in mid-March, a session that Bower was unable to attend. Usselman was a classmate of Bower's in the three year's of professional development institutes to earn a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma.

In accepting the award during the transit Board meeting, Bower stated, "I am honored and humbled in my acceptance of this award for my public service on behalf of the Clallam Transit System. I am deeply grateful for the nomination of General Manager Wendy Clark-Getzin, PE, who continually demonstrates her support for professional development and personal excellence for all staff members. In my past 34-plus years of service working in the capacity of Clerk to the Board, I have been truly blessed to work with amazing people in every facet of my responsibilities."

In presenting the award in Spokane, WMCA President Debbie Burke noted Bower received her CMC in 2009. She said, Mary is the Parliamentarian of her Board and has impeccable

oversight of her staff. She is a strong supporter of WMCA, sending two of her staff members through clerk certification training.

Bower is also an elected Commissioner with Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 4, in her fourth six-year term. She also serves as Secretary to the district's five-member Board as prescribed in state statute for as many years.

There are 340 governmental clerks in the State of Washington who are members of the WMCA.

